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Easter theatre



This week, students at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School were busy rehearsing for their own adaptation of The Passion of Jesus Christ, performed for family, friends and staff on Thursday and Friday evening. Blaine Sider, left, Vittorio Giannico and Jason McCracken are seen here practicing a scene on Tuesday afternoon.

Martin wants change at Region

Mayor feels reducing regional council from 31 members to 19 is more efficient

Kris Dubé
The Times

Smaller is better, according to mayor Doug Martin.

At Monday's council meeting, he presented an idea that he will be taking to his colleagues on regional council about restructuring its size of 31 representatives from all of Niagara's 12 municipalities to 19 members.

His plan suggests for a council made up of 12 mayors, one chairperson and six regional councillors split between the three largest municipalities in Niagara which are St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland. Martin is pitching this concept to take effect by 2014 and not for the next election that will take place later this year in October.

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Local colouring talent



Last week, winners of the Times' Easter colouring contest stopped by the office to claim their prizes generously donated by Nigh's Sweet Shop. Winners are Olivia Stibbold, Jake Cooperman, Carter Seguin, Sierra Laszlok, Adeline Willett, Kaita Pepper, Adria Beach, Sam Gauthier, Kayla Gray, Andrew Hastings, Alden Lumley. Absent from the photo is Tristyn Przytycz.

Cordiner supports idea

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He compared Niagara's political structure to those of other regional governments in the province, saying that the numbers are completely different. For example, the Peel Region has 24 representatives plus one chairperson and a population of 1.1 million.

In Niagara there are 30 members, plus one chairperson and the combined population of all 12 municipalities is slightly over 427,000.

In his plan, there would be a 50/50 split on council, excluding the chair, between the three largest municipalities and the remaining nine smaller ones.

"This creates social equity," said Martin.

The 12 mayors would form the majority of the council, with only 10 of the 12 required to carry a vote.

This is of significant importance as the mayors have dual accountability to the area municipalities," he said.

It is also proposed that the chair would be elected from

the current members of regional council by June of the election year.

"This would allow for continuity and ease the transition and eliminate the need for another election or bi-election."

He feels there is a need to bring "real change" by developing a focused set of economic interests to transform the local economy and make the regional government more effective, in his opinion. "Niagara's inability to do this is chasing away economic investment to other areas of the province and is destructive to the Region's potential," he said.

Martin also believes this proposal will create more communication between area municipalities and allow for regional council to have a better understanding of all the issues taking place in Niagara.

"Regional council should be an institution that promotes inter-municipal co-operation."

Shirley Cordiner, Fort Erie's regional councillor, says she supports this proposal but doesn't agree with everything suggested within

There has to be much more communication between the municipality and the regional councillor."

— Shirley Cordiner

it. Councillors having a dual role between the Region and the municipality will be too time consuming and is too much to ask of members.

"If you're working 9 to 5, you would have to quit your job," she said.

She agrees that 31 people sitting on regional council is much larger than it should be and feels Martin is on the right track, saying there needs to be a more prominent union between regional and municipal governments.

"There has to be much more communication between the municipality and their regional councillor," said Cordiner.



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Operating budget approved by council

► Councillors
Noyes and
Steckley vote in
opposition

Kris Dubé
The Times

On Monday night, the Town of Fort Erie council approved its 2010 operating budget through by-law.

The \$22,478,468 budget that has a general levy of \$17,372,245 was approved by a 5 to 2 vote, with councillors Ann-Marie Noyes and Bob Steckley voting against it.

The general levy consists of money paid to the Town by taxpayers and the difference comes from fees paid by gaming revenue, sale of land, buildings and equipment, BIA levies and other sources of income.

This budget will create a 4.5 per cent increase on the taxpayer's bill from the Town and a 3.06 per cent increase when on the overall tax bill. In a dollar amount, the average household will pay an extra \$3.12 on the Town's portion of the bill and \$5.95 per month, considering the estimated education tax rate and the Region's portion.

Ward 6 Coun. Ann-Marie Noyes feels the local government has increased

taxes considerably over the last four years, saying that they have increased by 30 per cent since this council was elected in 2006.

She said since this council's first budget in its first year, there has been a \$4,630,282 increase in the spending of rate payers' money.

"I just don't think the taxpayers can bear this," she said.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley compared the rates people in Fort Erie pay to those in the other 11 municipalities in Niagara. According to numbers he has crunched while using a feature on the Region's website, he says Fort Erie taxpayers are burdened with the fourth highest rates.

"I think it puts Fort Erie in a difficult position if people are moving down from the Toronto area or anywhere else, looking for a place to retire," said Steckley.

Rick Shular, councillor for ward one said this budget took 'hours of contemplation and debate' and that there are items he supported and items he was opposed to. He said although he believes it isn't a perfect budget, it puts residents in a better financial situation that what they were in when the current council took office.

"As far as I'm concerned,

“**This council is leaving the community in a much stronger financial position than when we got here.**”

—Tim Whitfield

we're turning over a sound financial position I think the people of Fort Erie can support," said Shular.

Ward 5 Coun. Martha Lockwood referred to conversations she has had with newcomers to the area, whom she claims do not feel taxes are too high here in Fort Erie but are much lower than the areas they re-located from. Earlier in the meeting, Coun. Steckley said he often hears questions about lowering taxes from residents and constituents, but Lockwood said she gets different questions.

"I hear 'what are you going to do about my roads?'" she said.

Tim Whitfield, councillor for Ridgeway-Thinder Bay said these increases are necessary for the improve-

ments and projects taking place around town. He said without raising taxes, the people of Crescent Park and residents in his own ward would not be able to enjoy the comfort of knowing their basements will not flood on a regular basis whenever there is a major storm or when there is a significant snow-melt. In order to fix these problems, money needs to be spent.

"We've been able to make substantial changes and improvements," he said.

"This council is leaving the community in a much stronger financial position than when we got here,"

added Whitfield.

Ward 1 Coun. Sandy Annunziata, who is also the chair of corporate services said the budget practices fiscal restraint to some degree. If he were to summarize the entire package, he said the word "momentum" would be the best way of describing it. He also said it follows suit with the Town's strategic plan, developed when council first came into power.

"This budget is a culmination of a strategic vision this council implemented four years ago," said Annunziata.

"We will continue to build

a very strong future for the Town of Fort Erie," he added.

Mayor Doug Martin said in order to provide the many services offered by the Town and move ahead with different projects, spending needs to take place and staff levels should remain the same. This is something that has been carefully worked on through the last four budgets and since the implementation of the strategic plan.

"The budgets we've had reflect the costs that are necessary to provide those services, that's what we've done," said Martin.

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Hudak wants LHIN review put back on the table

Ontario PC leader says review has been eliminated in a "sneaky" fashion

Kris Dubé
The Times

Tim Hudak says a mandatory review of the province's 14 Local Health Integration Networks has been cast aside by premier Dalton McGuinty.

On Wednesday, Hudak,

who is the leader of the Ontario PC Caucus and a Fort Erie native spoke to the Times, saying that the premier has elusively removed this item from the Liberals' agenda, which they are obligated to conduct under the Ontario Hospitals Act from 2006, the same year the LHIN's were implemented by the ministry of health and long-term care.

"In a very sneaky way, buried deep in the budget, they are eliminating this provision and postponing this needed review," he said in a phone interview.

There have been com-

plaints from all over the province he said, from Fort Erie to Sarnia to parts of northern Ontario about the delivery of health care. He feels there are many flaws to the system, saying there are many individuals in middle management positions who are having their "pockets padded" with wage increases and aren't responsible for one-on-one treatment with patients.

"None of them are providing any kind of direct patient care," he said.

He also believes there is a similar trend with the role of the Ontario ombudsman

on this issue, who is also supposed to be coming forward with a report on the amount of public input used by the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN when implementing the Niagara Health System's Hospital Improvement Plan. He sees the scheduled review and the fact that the ombudsman's contract, that expired on Wednesday, not being renewed until other applicants of the position are evaluated is a direct correlation. The ombudsman's contract has been extended by six months

until the position is filled.

"The ombudsman has been one of the premier's harshest critics," he said. Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor, Fort Erie's representative in the provincial government said there has been suggestions the ombudsman's review has been delayed, but he doesn't believe it to be true, saying the government doesn't have the authority to cancel it.

"I've never seen the government get directly involved with the ombudsman," said Craitor.

As for the LHIN review,

he said it has been delayed because they didn't take complete control until two years after they were first created. But at the same time, he feels it can still be conducted based on the progress so far.

"I have no problem with a review of the LHINs now, based on the two years they've had full authority," said Craitor.

He also said a review of the Niagara Health System should be conducted and has proposed this already.

"I'd like to see if it has done all the things it promised to do."

Location of freedom sculpture opposed by tour provider

Delegate feels sculpture does not depict "real history"

Lorilee Harper Wells feels the proposed Freedom Park sculpture is not an accurate depiction of the history it is designed to illustrate.

At Monday's council

meeting, the founder of Niagara Bound Tours, a group that specializes in celebrating the richness of African-Canadian history in the region, made a delegation to council, saying she has some issues with the sculpture.

She claims the suggestions of her family have not been given the attention

they deserve, as she doesn't feel the project to be suitable for the conveyed that needs to be message.

"I feel I can no longer stand back while others present my ancestral history and not have a say in how it should be presented," she said.

Harper Wells stated that she doesn't have any issues with

the sculpture's design, but feels it is too large in scale and that something a little more modest like a wall commemorating freedom seekers who passed through Fort Erie would be more appropriate.

"My objection is to have a monument of this type on the site," she said to council in her presentation.

At the site, along the

Niagara Parkway, she feels the genuine appreciation of local black history comes from the view of the Niagara River and imagining the hardships those seeking freedom had to endure to get to Canada. She said the large sculpture will impede on the view and take attention away from other aspects of the site that should be cherished.

"I'm afraid the sculpture will be the focal point," she said.

Continuing with her delegation, she said that the sculpture is a good depiction of what happened but it needs to be more than that.

"It doesn't tell the true story of the freedom seeker. Real history is what I'm advocating for on this site."

In a letter to the Town of Fort Erie's director of community and development services, project co-ordinator Yvonne Hopkins said she supports the proposed vision for the sculpture as it will improve local knowledge and appreciation of black history.

"This sculpture will enhance the experience of the Freedom Trail tours that occur in Fort Erie by offering an additional stop to the Bertie Hall as well as to elevate Fort Erie's role in the underground railroad movement," she said.



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our editorial

Take old email address off your contact list, please

Sometimes things get lost in the lines of communication.

About a year-and-a-half ago, the Times' editorial department were given new email addresses. Many people have taken note of this and contact either Kris or Matt through these contacts, but at the same time people are not caught up with how to get in touch with us.

Since we changed over, Kris would still see emails sent to the old address because he had it set up to his mobile device. He doesn't have that phone anymore, so anything you send to feeditor@cegeco.net will not be read and you will not get a response.

Please contact Kris at editorial@forterietimes.com or Matt Day at mday@forterietimes.com.

So, if you still have the old email

on your contact list...change it immediately after you read this.

On Thursday, we received notice about an announcement taking place in the morning about five minutes before it was to start from a phone call. The media advisory had been sent out earlier in the week, to the former email address and that is basically what has inspired this editorial. Everything has been cleared up and there are no hard feelings between the Times and the sender, but we need this to happen much less than it does.

So again, contact the Times' editorial department at editorial@forterietimes.com.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

We heard from so many people who told us that last week's photo brought back happy memories. Three different people also told us that they were sure that the man on the far right was their relative!

These "Brothers of the Brush", Waverley chapter were celebrating Canada's Centennial in 1967 by rounding up and arresting

men who weren't dressed in period costume or sporting facial hair. From left to right are Ron Wilson, Rene Dubuc in jail, unknown, Wes Paul and Ned Rachele. Thanks to Ned Rachele and his daughter Marina, Jeff Roy the nephew of Rene Dubuc, Dennis Barnhardt and Catharin Warner-Van Osch for also letting us know

that Johnny Possler formed this group. The Brothers of the Brush were groups throughout town that held beard-growing contests in Centennial year.

This week's photo shows identically dressed people out on the Fort Erie tundra. If you can identify any of them we want to meet you! Happy belated April Fool's Day.

Reporter doesn't let the pressure get to him



Matt Day
Reporter's Notebook

To put it in the familiar words of the famous rock band Queen, I was feeling the pressure pushing down on me.

And I will be singing that familiar tune again come the time you read this paper as once again I'll

be facing yet another challenge.

Last week, there was no Matt Day byline in the paper because I was given editor duties in our sister paper in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This week, I'll be doing it all again, but in my hometown of Fort Erie.

But what I've learned from my previous stints as editor have definitely prepared me for yet another week.

I recall my first time

producing a paper by myself and how it wasn't the calmest of situations.

It's a lot different now and looking back, I made it more stressful on myself just by thinking it was going to be stressful.

Lost yet? Don't stress. In fact, I'm taking this opportunity to tell you that no matter how bad things look or how crazy a situation gets, things always work out in the end.

It's almost like nature's way of balancing out life.

One week you could be having car troubles, money troubles, family troubles or any other type of trouble imaginable and the next week, you could quite possibly be having the best week of your life.

If you're in a rut now, you may be shrugging off these words of advice and saying he has no idea what he's talking about. Although I'm young, I still feel I've had my fair share of stressful situations and let me tell you a secret...it

always gets better.

There are plenty of ways to deal with it and every person is different.

For me, a good night sleep goes an incredibly long way. Listening to my favourite music while feeling the crunch also seems to slow things down. Even taking a personal night here and there will leave you feeling so much more refreshed and that big task you have in front of you won't seem so big after all.

Life is full of stressful

situations, but one of the best feelings in the world is getting through it and the sense of relief you get after you've accomplished something that seemed impossible at the start.

So don't let that pressure push down on you because coming next week, I know I won't let it get me down.

If you would like to leave me feedback, e-mail me at mday@forterietimes.com or call me at 905-871-3100 ext. 208.

opinion page

Students do a 'great job' at Business After Five event

Dear Editor,

I had the pleasure of attending the Chamber's Business After 5 held at FESS last Thursday.

As usual, it was a terrific event. However, I was struck by the outstanding students from FESS who were our hosts and hostesses for the soiree.

The students of the hospitality and tourism program under the very obvious expert tutelage of Afshin Keyvani offered an array of appetizers that were second to none.

The students and their teacher should be very proud of what they offered us that evening.

I have been to many fine establishments whose fare

would be rivaled by what the students prepared and served.

All of them were polite, and approachable and a super example of just what our youth is capable of. GREAT JOB everyone and thank you.

Myra Robertson
Sales Manager
The Times

The TIMES Asks

What are you doing to celebrate the Easter holiday?



Stephen Passero

"As a business owner, I'll be working, but I'm going to my parents' house on Sunday."



Vicki Teasdale

"I'll be celebrating Sunday at my brother-in-law's and my sister-in-law's."



Kim Matthews

"I'm working then having dinner on Sunday. My grandchild will also be participating in an egg hunt."



Marlene Richards

"I'll be working, but I'm making sure to get plenty of rest and relaxation."

Ridgeway Olympics



Recently, students at Ridgeway Public School held an Olympic celebration. Students like Ashlyn Kolts, back left, Daniel VanLuyven, Ailie Frumosa, Hannah Mulletboom, front left, Breanna Innes, Katie Kah-Sauter, Victoria Hingley and Mitchell Johns showed their pride for all nations at both the opening and closing ceremonies the school held.

What do you think?

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Rob Parker will be 'sadly missed,' says fellow committee member

Dear Editor,

It was with great sadness that upon my return from vacation I learned of the death of Rob Parker.

Rob was a member of the Town of Fort Erie's Accessibility Advisory Committee since its inception.

In speaking with our Vice Chair, Dennis, he advised that Rob rarely missed a meeting and this Committee was established

in 2002.

He was very passionate about making our community as accessible as it could be and when Duke came into his life that enthusiasm grew to include the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Whenever we had a community function, Rob was the first to put up his hand to help.

He also kept the Committee updated on the Dog Guides and the serv-

ices they provide.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

The AAC would like to encourage the community to come out and support the May 8th "Let's Make It Happen" Fundraiser that Rob was working so hard on.

He was so proud of making a difference and he will be sadly missed.

Bev Bradnam
Town of Fort Erie



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PUBLIC NOTICE

(1) BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE AMENDED 2010 WATER AND SANITARY SEWER BUDGET AND THE AMENDED WATER AND SEWER RATES

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 251 of the Municipal Act, 2001 the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of Tuesday April 6, 2010 to adopt the amended 2010 Water and Sanitary Sewer Budget AND that pursuant to Section 251 (1) (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to pass a by-law at its meeting of Tuesday April 6, 2010 to increase the water and sewer rates associated with the distribution, collection and treatment of water and wastewater. The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	2010 Water Rates	2009 Water Rates	2010 Sewer Rate	2009 Sewer Rate	2010 Combined Rate	2009 Combined Rate
Base Rate	\$ 22.77	\$ 20.91	\$ 35.52	\$ 33.99	\$ 58.29	\$ 54.90
Consumption Rate*	\$ 1.009	\$ 0.926	\$ 1.030	\$ 0.986	\$ 2.039	\$ 1.912

All water and sewer related fees and charges as provided for under By-law No. 38-09 are proposed to increase proportionately according to the table above including base rates for various meter sizes.

The total combined increase per typical customer using 16 cubic metres per month is \$5.42 or 9.34%.

Background

The increased Town 2010 Water and Sewer Budget, includes gross billings of \$14.8 million for Fort Erie water/sewer customers. The increased customer billing rates for 2010 are based on estimated billings for treatment costs from the Region of Niagara of \$8.7 million. The Region approved the water treatment rates on March 25, 2010.

The new rate structure reflects Council's commitment to the replacement of water/sewer pipelines and programs to eliminate basement flooding and sewer overflows in the environment and to reduce ground water infiltration into the system.

For more information please go to the Town's website at www.forterie.on.ca under the 2010 Budget banner. Further inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Services at ext. 2300 (hchamberlain@forterie.on.ca).

Before passing the by-law to adopt the amended 2010 water and sanitary sewer budget and to increase the water and sanitary sewer rates, Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, at which any person who attends has an opportunity to make representation with respect to the matter.

A person interested in appearing before Council as a delegate at its meeting of April 1, 2010, or by extension until, 3:00pm Tuesday April 6, 2010, the Clerk's Office by calling 905-871-1600 ext. 2236 or 300pm Thursday April 1, 2010, or by extension until, 3:00pm Tuesday April 6, 2010.

Carolyn J. Keit, Town Clerk
ckait@forterie.on.ca

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 30th day of March, 2010.
 Carolyn J. Keit, Town Clerk
 Helen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Services
hchamberlain@forterie.on.ca

(2) PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE ROADSIDE DITCHING POLICY - TOWN OF FORT ERIE

The Town of Fort Erie Council is considering the establishment of a Town-wide "Roadside Ditching Policy". This policy will include the design standards necessary for appropriate surface water drainage. Specifically, this Policy is intended to address the prevention of flooding and property damage throughout the Town of Fort Erie. The proposed policy will prohibit the closing in of ditches (filling) where adequate storm servicing infrastructure is not available.

The Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department will be holding a Public Information Centre to solicit input from the residents of Fort Erie regarding both roadside ditching and ditch infilling concerns within the Town.

Date: Wednesday, April 7th, 2010
 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Location: In the Atrium, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive

This meeting will be conducted as an Open House with Town Staff in attendance to answer questions, provide information or address concerns that residents may have pertaining to existing issues on private property. A formal presentation will be given in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. to present any recommendations made. *Notice that this meeting is open to the public.*

If you are unable to attend on the meeting on April 7, 2010, and you have comments or concerns, they can be directed to the attention of Ron Firth, Fellow Director of Infrastructure Services, Town of Fort Erie at 905-871-1600 or at rfirth@forterie.on.ca.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

(1) ISF-02-2010

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is inviting tenders for:

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Sealed tenders clearly marked as to contents will be received by Carolyn Keit, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie ON until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

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Specific project details and requirements are provided in the Tender documents.

A mandatory site meeting will be held on Wednesday April 7th, 2010 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Crystal Ridge Arena, 109 Ridge Road South, Ridgeway, ON. Failure to attend this mandatory site meeting will preclude bidders from submitting a tender.

Tender documents may be picked up in the Parks and Leisure Services Department (Leisureplex), 3 Municipal Centre Drive commencing Tuesday April 6th, 2010.

The lowest or any tender need not necessarily be accepted.

Infrastructure Services
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Local non-profits need community support

Looking to make a difference in the lives of others?

The first of many local non-profits you can consider volunteering with is Bridges Community Health Centre. Bridges CHC is looking for volunteer drivers, office helpers and has other opportunities as well. Contact info@bridgeschc.ca or (905) 871-7621, ext. 2222.

One hour a week is all that's needed to be an in-school mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Fort Erie. The agency is recruiting now to fill spots in the new school year in September. To find out more contact Sandra Barrett at 905-871-8836 or sbarrett@cocego.net.

Household paper supplies like toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and personal hygiene products like soap, shampoo, toothpaste are needed at Casa di Norte. Contact Lynn Hannigan at (905) 871-4483 or casenorte@cocego.net.

Books on any 12-step addiction and alcohol recovery programs needed by Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation (WARM), as well as computer software to update current office programs. Contact Claire Duthie at (905) 871-9195, ext. 822 or claire@warmniagara.org or drop off at 20 Jarvis St.

Volunteers needed to complete a variety of functions from baking to cleaning to teaching life skills and parenting, as well as assist with events at South Niagara Life Centre. Contact Martha Brond at (905) 871-0236 or martha@nlmcouncil.ca.

Volunteers are also needed to help plan an auction. Contact Carol Stewart-Kirkby, United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, (905) 354-9342 or ctsk@vaxline.com.

If you are a non-profit that would like to get involved with the United Way, also contact Stewart-Kirkby.

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Two local projects appealed to OMB

Five appeals made on Canadian Motor Speedway, 13 for Bay Beach development

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) is going to be a local topic of discussion in the coming months.

Two local projects have been appealed to the provincial board that enforces municipal law, provincial policies and planning principles.

The Canadian Motor Speedway, proposed to be built on 823 acres of land between Bowen and Gilmore Roads is being challenged through five different appeals made by five different parties.

Approval of the regional policy plan and the Town of Fort Erie's official plan amendment is what will be investigated, but a pre-hearing won't be called until any re-zoning takes

place, predicts the Town's chief administrative officer Harry Schlange.

"We don't anticipate a pre-hearing until council approves the zoning of the lands," he said.

He said re-zoning of the site will be brought to the table by the end of the year.

The second project under the gun is the Town's private-public partnership with Burlington-based developer the Molinaro

Group to build a 12-storey condominium building on the south side of Erie Road in Crystal Beach.

Since this project has already been given a re-zoning approval, Schlange estimates a pre-hearing will be scheduled before the Fall season.

He said it is "very preliminary"

for both cases still and that costs for the Crystal Beach appeal will

be borne by the Town and the Molinaro Group. How it will be shared still needs to

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The cast and crew of Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School's production of "Machinal," which won the Peltona Prize for the fourth year in a row at the Sears Drama Festival in Welland. There are 20 students that worked on stage and behind the scenes.

Hard work and passion wins big award for RCBHS

➤ Drama club takes home award four years running

Kris Dubé
The Times

For the fourth year in a row, the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School (RCBHS) drama club has pulled out all the stops at the Sears Drama Festival.

After its Mar. 6 presentation, the cast and crew of "Machinal" were handed their fourth consecutive Peltona Prize, awarded to the school with the overall best production.

Drama teacher Jack Wieler said this most recent accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without

the hard work and dedication of the group of 20 students put forward during rehearsals, leading up to the big day earlier this month.

"There's a certain attention to detail this year was able to capture," he said.

Brooke Hepburn, a grade 12 student who has been a club member for the entire four-year run said it is rewarding to be involved in something she genuinely loves, while performing a story she finds interesting.

"It's pretty cool, putting on a show we really enjoy," she said.

Dalton Doeppling is in his third year as a thespian with the school's club. He said working tirelessly is what got them to where they are now and it wouldn't have happened without the dedication of everyone

in the end credits.

"It's nice to see it all come together after hours upon hours of work," he said.

For Olivia Cook, a grade 12 student and four-year veteran of RCBHS's troupe said it's rewarding to receive such prestigious accolades, but it's also a great experience that allows everyone to make new friends.

"We get to bond with other schools, while getting to know and encourage one another. It's really fun," said Cook.

On Apr. 12 at 8 p.m. there will be a fundraising performance at RCBHS and all members of the public are invited to attend and help make the club's trip to the southwestern regional district drama festival a little easier on the budget.

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FESS gets serious about acting, brings home awards



Colin Reed, Wesley Wilson, Drew Belanger, Rachel Moses and K.C. King stand together holding one of the awards they won at the Sears Drama Festival held in Welland recently. Their production of Blood Relations was a far cry from the genre the school usually picks.

Final show of the year to be held Wednesday at high school

Matt Day
The Times

The Fort Erie Secondary School drama students are proving they are serious about acting, and now they have the awards to show it.

The cast and crew of "Blood Relations," a psychological murder-mystery based on the life of Lizzie Borden and the murders of her father and mother, recently returned from the Sears Drama Festival held at Centennial High School's Ennis Auditorium with some hardware.

The play itself took home Best Experimental Play for the work done, condensing

the play into a one act format through the addition of a 70 second video introduction and a 30 second dance sequence to provide the necessary backdrop.

They also won the Good Figg award for showing good spirit to all participants and the Best Dream Theatrical.

"This is the most serious play we have ever done and I couldn't be more proud of everyone involved. The kids really identified with Lizzie Borden and her tale and all wanted to tell the story the best they could."

Drew Belanger is in his final year of high school and has

been a part of the drama program ever since Grade 9.

He said it was about time FESS was recognized for a play they produced.

"It's a shame we had to wait so long but it feels so good to know our production was loved," he said.

Belanger and his castmate Wesley Wilson, who played Lizzie Borden, both took home awards of merit for acting.

FESS will be holding their final encore presentation, with added scenes, Wednesday at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door of the school auditorium.

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Niagara Hawks poised to repeat as CanAm champs

Team's goal this year to make it to President's Cup finals in British Columbia

Matt Day
The Times

After a breakthrough year, the Niagara Hawks Senior B Lacrosse team is looking toward another shot at the President's Cup. Dave Colbourne, the

general manager, said he is excited to get the season started, with the team's first official game coming on April 28 in Six Nations.

"We have the best returning core of players we've ever had in our 10 years of existence and we're eager to defend what we worked

so hard to get last year."

Last year, the Hawks jumped out to a shaky start as the team tried to find its correct lines and system.

The underdog Hawks surprised the league and ended up winning the CanAm division which solidified their spot in the playoffs for the President's Cup — a national competition.

"People around here might not realize this, but our league is the equivalent to the OHL or AHL of the National Hockey League," said Colbourne.

"The caliber of

players we have and the level of skill present in each game is phenomenal and we're hoping the Fort Erie community really embraces this year."

In the past, the Niagara Hawks have constantly had to move their home arena, but after a successful partnership with the Town of Fort Erie last year, they will be calling the Leisureplex their home for a second straight year.

"We love it there, it suits our style of play and is one of the best facilities in Ontario."

The goal this year is simple, to get to the President's cup championship game and win it.

The team fell just shy last

year when it was held in Six Nations, and this year the drive to get back in the competition is even higher due to it being played in British Columbia.

The Hawks have already been a part of some pre-season tournaments and represented themselves well.

In their most recent tournament, the 2010 Friendship Tournament held in Six Nations, Niagara finished second only to Six Nations and ended up taking home a prize of \$1,000 for team expenses.

"It was a great stepping stone to get an early indication of how this season is going to play out."

Colbourne said it is too

early to tell what the team will look like come the end of April, but said veteran players like Blue Hill and Findley Wilson will be some of the returning players who made a big impact on last year's run for the cup.

One of the key losses for the team doesn't come in play-form.

Head Coach Jay Drury will not be returning and Colbourne said interviews are being conducted to see who will fill his spot.

Plans are already being made for Niagara's home opener to be held at the Leisureplex at the end of May.

Colbourne said he hopes to have an even larger fan base this year after the team's success last year.

"More people come to games when you're winning and we beat some of the best last year," said Colbourne.



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Bouquet

To Mother Nature for finally showing us how friendly and warm she can be. In the winter months, we often say bad things about her but during the Spring and Summer her true personality is exposed. She really is a nice lady, when it comes down to the bottom line.

Brick

To people who throw trash in the ditches along Albany Road near Alfred Street and Thompson

Road. There has been a set of tires laying in the ditch for over a year. Why hasn't the Town cleaned this up

yet?

Bouquet

To the group of teenagers I saw picking up garbage in Crescent Park last week. A lot of kids your age would never consider doing something like this and hopefully more cleanups will prove the above statement to be incorrect.

Brick

To people who accept a beverage when they are guests in someone's home and don't finish it. If you weren't thirsty, you shouldn't have asked for something to drink, or made a request for some kind of "sippy cup."

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All persons having claims against the Estate of ROBERT EDWARD LICHTENBERGER, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on the 3rd day of August 2009, are notified to send particulars to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of May, 2010, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall have notice. The undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim the undersigned shall not have notice.

DATED this 29th day of March, 2010.

Erin L. Lichtenberger and Glen Lichtenberger, Estate Trustees by their solicitors

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DATED at the City of Greater Sudbury, in the District of Sudbury, in the Province of Ontario, this 30th day of March, 2010.

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Deaths

MAGIERSKI, Corel - Peacefully on March 31st, 2010 at Garrison Place in Fort Erie in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late John Magierski. Loving mother of Gary Haines. Proud grandmother of Julie (Will) Gold and Thomas (Chevy) Bailey Haines. Great Grandmother of Maximilian Gold. Also survived by her sister Loe Carpenter, many nieces, nephews cousins and the members of the Magierski family, including step-daughter Rose Dyl and her daughters Darlene and Darcy. Predeceased by her daughter-in-law Beverly Haines, 2 brothers and 5 sisters. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Bannock Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends from 10am on Saturday, April 3rd until time of service at 11am in the Benner Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

MORNINGSTAR, Linda Jane - Linda Morningstar passed away on March 27th, 2010 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in her 62nd year. Lovingly remembered by "her girls" Carrie Morningstar, Kristy Morningstar and Dawn Morningstar. Cherished grandma of Cole Morningstar and Juliet Ryan. Sadly missed sister of Sharon (Dale Wallace) Kelba. Predeceased by her parents Shelton and Veronica Byrington. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Bannock Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment followed in McAffee Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

Thank you mom for holding on as long as you could, as we could not have parted with you sooner. In selfishness we wanted you to stay, and with heavy hearts we let you go. We take comfort in the fact that you are no longer suffering and that you have been remembered above by Grandma and Grandpa. We grieve for you now but know that a day will come when you will call us home to you and our little family will be together again, as we always were. In heaven Love always, your girls.

PHILLIPS, Frances Gertrude - Passed away at Gilmore Lodge, Fort Erie on Monday, March 29th, 2010 in her 86th year. She was predeceased by her husband William and their son John. She is survived by sons Brian (Cathy) and Leo (Christine), Marlene Stephen, Martin (Rebecca) and Benjamin. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME** 21 Wintarsa Street, Fort Erie. The Rite of Committal with family was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fort Erie. If so desired expressions of sympathy may be made to your favourite charity.

On-line guest register at
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SUPER, Martha (Miki) - Passed away at Crescent Park Lodge on March 24, 2010 due to declining health. Many thanks to Crescent Park Lodge, Dr. Spencer, Doretha Haydig and Stella Haines for their kindness and compassion. She worked for many years as a nurse at Douglas Memorial Hospital before retiring. Miki is survived by family relatives in the U.S. Cremation has taken place. She will be returning to her roots in Gettysburg, PA.

Card of thanks

PARKER, (Rob) Bobby - Words can't express our heartfelt appreciation to all our family & friends during this time of great sadness. The love, sympathy, prayers, cards, food, donations, flowers, visits, shoulders to cry on and arms to support and comfort us were truly appreciated. Thank you to Darren Flagg for guiding us through this difficult time. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful tributes to Rob. Thank You. Bob, Diana, Steven, Helen, Louanne, Wayne & James and Duke.

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